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<i>Title of the Invention: Methods for Tissue Culturing and Transforming Elite Inbreds of Zea Mays L.</i>		

### PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Hon. Commissioner for Patents  
and Trademarks  
Washington, D.C. 20231

Dear Sir:

Prior to action in the present application, please enter the following Preliminary Amendment contained on the following pages, which are summarized below.

Please cancel claims 1-21 and 29-34 without prejudice to filing one or more continuation and/or divisional applications. Please amend claims 22 and 25-28.

Please insert a new paragraph after the title on page 1 of the specification as contained on the following pages.

Please delete the "BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF THE FIGURES" on pages 3 and 4.

Please replace the paragraph beginning at page 5, line 1, as contained on the following pages.

Please replace the paragraph beginning at page 11, line 13, as contained on the following pages.

Please replace the paragraph beginning at page 14, line 19, as contained on the following pages.

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